

REMARKS

5 In response to the Examiner's Action mailed on September 25, 2003, claims 1 to 25 are amended. The applicant hereby respectfully requests that the patent application be reconsidered.

An item-by-item response to Examiner's objections or rejections is provided in the followings:

10 1. *Rejection of Claims under 35 USC §112*

The Examiner rejects claims 16-17 under 35 USC 112 first paragraph as the disclosure does not those of ordinary skill in the art to which it pertains to make and use the invention.

15 In response to the rejections, claims 16-17 are amended. The amended claims 16-17 are directed to map servers that can handle different communication protocols. A person of ordinary skill in the art for server development has ample experience to develop and implement servers that can carry out network communications with different protocols. The
20 amended claims 16 and 17 would be enabling for those of ordinary skill in the art to make and use the invention.

25 2. *Rejection of Claims under 35 USC §102*

The Examiner rejects claims 1-5, 9, 11-14, 16 and 18-23 under 35 U.S.C.102(e) as being anticipated by Chern et al (6,456,854).

30 In response to the rejections, claims 1-25 are amended. The amended claim 1 are directed to map retrieval that has nothing to do with GPS signals or where the location of the caller or sender of the map request. Instead, the map request is for a destination location associated

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with a telephone number. The processes involve a step of using the telephone number or numeric code to determine an address or a surrounding area of a destination location. The second step is to retrieve a map using the address or the identification of the surrounding areas of a destination location. The invention is totally different and unrelated to Chern that use the telephone number associated with a GPS signal to find out the location of a caller or a request sender.

Specifically, in claim 1, the amended claim now directs to a method for retrieving a map from an Internet web-site comprising:

- a) sending a telephone number for a destination location as a map request to said Internet web-site; and
- b) receiving a map for said destination location from said Internet web site associated with said telephone number.

The amended claim 22 now directs to a network system that includes:

- a) a geocentric server for receiving a numeric data input coded for a destination location as a map request; and
- b) said geocentric server further includes a database-search enabling means for enabling a geocentric database search for determining a geographic position of said destination location associated with said numeric input.

The amended claims 1-25 are different and unrelated to Chern because the amended claims are directed to method and systems to get map unrelated to caller or request sender. Instead, the methods and system are related to map retrieval for a destination location. The destination location is a fixed location associate with a telephone number or a coded number. Therefore, Chern would not anticipate the amended claims 1-25.

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3. *Rejection of Claims under 35 USC §103*

The Examiner rejects claims 6-8, 10, 15, 17 and 24-25 under 35 U.S.C.103(a) as being upatentable over Chern in view of Yacoby.

5 According to the Examiner, Yacoby disclosed a normalized telephone number. It would be obvious for a person of ordinary skill in the art to combine Yacoby and Chern et al, to devise an invention as disclosed in the rejected claims.

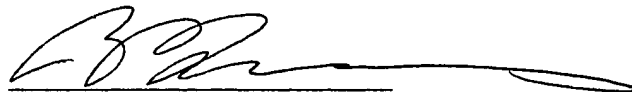
10 As discussed above, claims 1-25 are amended to point to the methods and systems for map retrieval of map for a destination location associated by a telephone number. As directed by the claims, the processes involve the use of the telephone number of coded number for determination of the address, or surrounding areas of a destination
15 location and then the map is retrieved using the address or the identification of the surround areas of the destination location. Chern does not disclose such systems. A combination of Chern and Yacoby would not make the invention as directed by the claims as now amended. For the amended claims, the Applicant requests that the rejection for the
20 amended claims be withdrawn.

25 With the amended claims and the reasons provided above, the applicant hereby respectfully requests that Examiner's rejections under 35 USC § 112, 35 USC § 102, and 35 USC § 103 be withdrawn and the present application be allowed.

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